

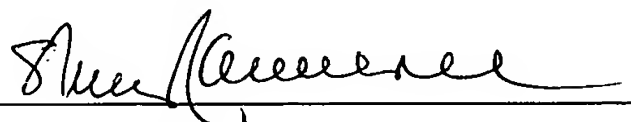
REMARKS

Claims 23-41 and 58-101 are pending in this application. New claims 93-101 are intended to be indential to claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,746,987 to Reugg (granted on June 8, 2004) as is permitted under 35 U.S.C. § 135(b)(1).

The amendments and the remarks made herein are not made for reasons related to patentability and, thus, do not prevent the application of the doctrine of equivalents. Support for the amended recitations in the claims and for the new claims are found throughout the specification and from the pending claims.

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